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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 3763  
MIDDLEMAN et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/123,614 ) Examiner: Cris L. Rodriguez  
Filed: June 28, 1998 )  
For: DEVICE FOR ANCHORING )  
TUBULAR ELEMENT ) Pasadena, California

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office action dated July 2, 2003, Applicant hereby amends the application and responds as follows:

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